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Ladies and Gentleman:

An Environmental Assessment (EA) has been prepared for the Spring Meadow Lake State Park.

The scope of the proposed work has been determined to be sufficient to initiate the H.B. 495 (Section 23-1-110, MCA) process. The specific items required in H.B. 495 are identified on the EA checklist.

The document is available for review at the Department's Helena Resource Area Office, State Library and the Environmental Quality Council. Any questions on this project should be addressed to the undersigned by October 30, 1994. Written comments should also be directed to the same individual.

Sincerely,

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ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Project Title Spring Meadow Lake-Picnic Shelter

Division/Bureau Parks Division

Description of Project Placement of permanent picnic shelter for group use.

POTENTIAL IMPACT ON PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

	MAJOR	MODERATE	MINOR	NONE	UNKNOWN	COMMENTS ON ATTACHED PAGES
1. Terrestrial & aquatic life and habitats				X		
2. Water quality, quantity & distribution				X		
3. Geology & soil quality, stability & moisture				X		
4. Vegetation cover, quantity & quality				X		
5. Aesthetics				X		
6. Air quality				X		
7. Unique, endangered, fragile, or limited environmental resources				X		
8. Demands on environmental resources of land, water, air & energy				X		
9. Historical & archaeological sites				X		

POTENTIAL IMPACTS ON HUMAN ENVIRONMENT

	MAJOR	MODERATE	MINOR	NONE	UNKNOWN	COMMENTS ON ATTACHED PAGES
1. Social structures & mores				X		
2. Cultural uniqueness & diversity				X		
3. Local & state tax base & tax revenue				X		
4. Agricultural or industrial production				X		
5. Human health				X		
6. Quantity & distribution of community & personal income				X		
7. Access to & quality of recreational and wilderness activities				X		
8. Quantity & distribution of employment				X		
9. Distribution & density of population & housing				X		
10. Demands for government services				X		
11. Industrial & commercial activity				X		
12. Demands for energy				X		
13. Locally adopted environmental plans & goals				X		
14. Transportation networks & traffic flows				X		
15. Site Specific Modification System wide				N/A		

Other groups or agencies contacted or which may have overlapping jurisdiction None

Individuals or groups contributing to this EA None

Recommendation concerning preparation of EIS No EIS. Required

EA prepared by : Pete Johnson

Date: 9/21/94

MONTANA DEPT. OF FISH WILDLIFE & PARKS
PARKS DIVISION
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
SPRING MEADOW LAKE STATE PARK

1. Location of Project:

Spring Meadow Lake State Park is located on the west outskirts of Helena, MT. The 55.8 acre park contains a 30 acre, spring-fed, man-made lake, that is know for its depth and clarity. Open to non-motorized boats only, the lake is popular for swimming, sunbathing, scuba diving and fishing.

2. Need for project:

Increasing requests by groups of people to use the park for picnics and other recreation have raised the need to establish an area for group use and provide the necessary shelter for shade and comfort.

3. Scope of project:

Placement of a 20' x 28' shelter building to provide additional comfort for group users.

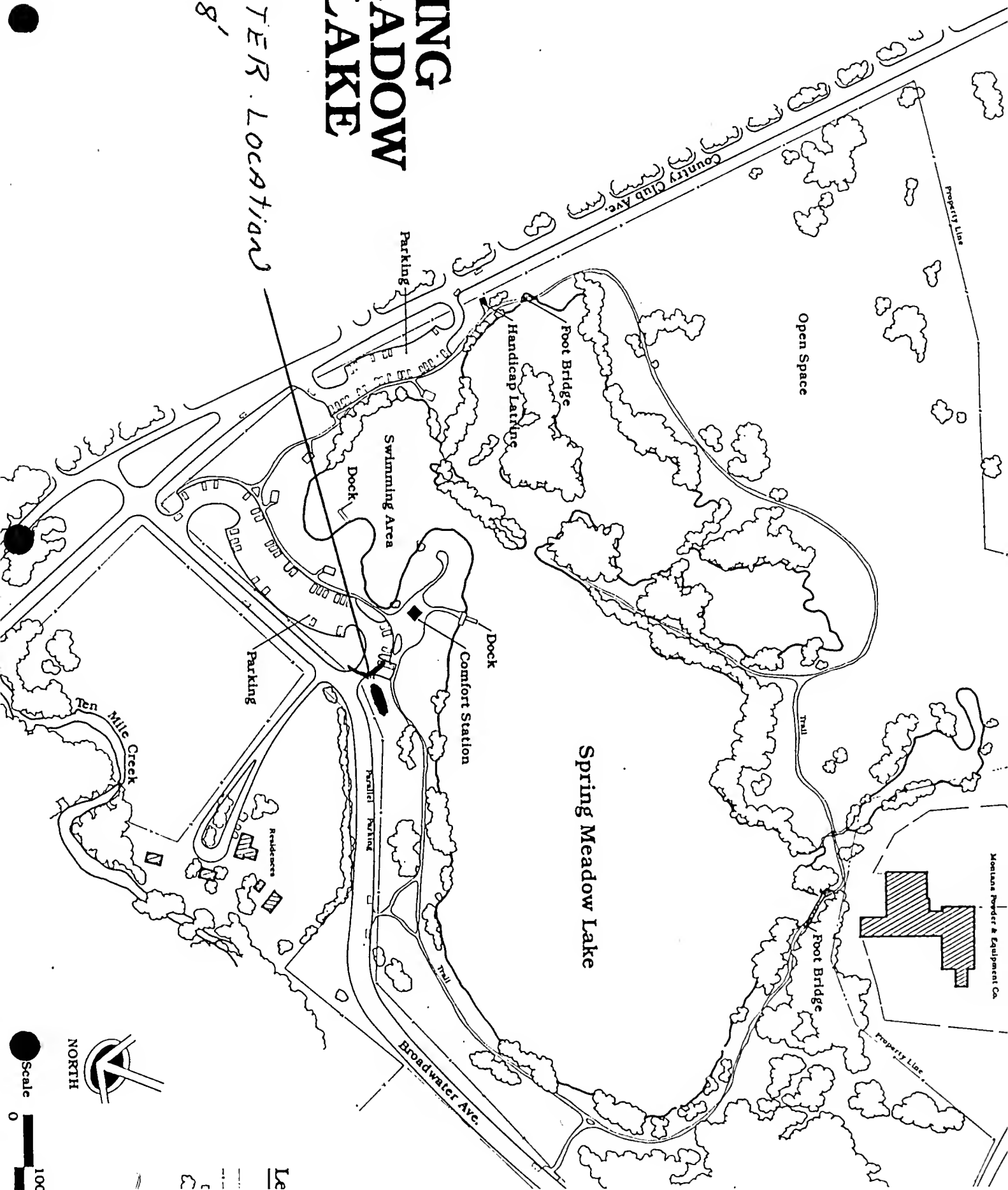
4. Alternatives:

No action - Limited facilities for group usage. Lack of sheltered area to provide comfort for the public.

Action - Increased public interest to use the park for group gatherings.

SPRING MEADOW LAKE

SHELTER LOCATION
20' X 28'



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Open Space

Spring Meadow Lake

Broadwater Ave.

Parallel Parking

Comfort Station

Dock

Swimming Area

Dock

Parking

Residences

Ten Mile Creek



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